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**THE FOLLOWING IS THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
APPLICATION UNDER PCT ARTICLE 19:**

AMENDED SHEETS (Pages 41-43a).

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Amended) A disc cartridge comprising:

a disc; and

a main cartridge body unit for rotatably housing said disc;

an opening for driving means, into which is intruded at least a part of rotational driving means, configured for rotationally driving said disc, is formed in one surface of said main cartridge body unit; the inner peripheral surface of said opening for the driving means operating as a mounting reference plane in a planar direction for mounting the disc cartridge on a recording and/or reproducing apparatus; the peripheral edge of said opening for the driving means in said one surface operating as a mounting reference plane in the height-wise direction for mounting the disc cartridge on the recording and/or reproducing apparatus.

2. (Amended) The disc cartridge according to claim 1 wherein said main cartridge body unit is provided in at least one surface thereof with a recording and/or reproducing aperture for exposing a part of said disc to outside.

3. (Amended) The disc cartridge according to claim 1 wherein a lateral side of said main cartridge body unit is formed as a substantially semicircular arcuate section having the center of said disc housed in said main cartridge body unit as center.

4. (Amended) The disc cartridge according to claim 3 wherein said arcuate section is formed on a side of insertion of said main cartridge body unit into the recording and/or reproducing apparatus.

5. (Amended) The disc cartridge according to claim 2 wherein said recording and/or reproducing aperture is formed facing a lateral side of said main cartridge body unit other than the lateral side formed as said arcuate section.

6. (Amended) The disc cartridge according to claim 2 wherein the peripheral wall of said disc cartridge includes a protrusion extending towards said recording and/or reproducing aperture, and wherein, when said disc cartridge is loaded on said recording and/or reproducing apparatus, one surface of said disc exposed to outside is protruded further towards said recording and/or reproducing aperture than said protrusion.

7. (Amended) The disc cartridge according to claim 2 further comprising:

 a shutter unit for opening/ closing said recording and/or reproducing aperture; and

 a slide guide formed on said main cartridge body unit for movably carrying said shutter unit;

 said slide guide being provided such that, when said inner peripheral surface is set on said recording and/or reproducing apparatus, said mounting reference plane in said height-wise direction is protruded from said slide guide towards said rotational driving means.

8. (Added) A cartridge positioning unit comprising:

 disc rotation driving means for intruding into the inside of a main cartridge body unit of a disc cartridge, via an opening opened in one surface of said main cartridge body unit, said disc cartridge rotatably housing a disc therein; and

 a loading support part made up by a fitting protrusion fitted to the inner peripheral surface of said opening of said disc cartridge when said disc rotation driving means is intruded into the inside of said main cartridge body unit, and a cartridge support part for supporting the peripheral edge of said opening in said disc cartridge.

9. (Added) A recording and/or reproducing apparatus comprising:

 disc rotation driving means for intruding into the inside of a main cartridge body unit of a disc cartridge, via an opening for a driving unit opened in one surface of said main cartridge body unit, said disc cartridge rotatably housing a disc therein;

recording and/or reproducing means for recording and/or reproducing said disc; and

a loading support part including a fitting protrusion fitted to the inner peripheral surface of said opening for said driving part when said disc cartridge is loaded on a position of rotationally driving said disc, and a cartridge support part supporting the rim of said opening for the driving part.

10. (Added) The recording and/or reproducing apparatus according to claim 9 including a holder for holding said disc cartridge.

11. (Added) The recording and/or reproducing apparatus according to claim 9 wherein said disc cartridge includes a recording and/or reproducing aperture; and wherein

said recording and/or reproducing means is introduced via said recording and/or reproducing aperture into the inside of said disc cartridge.

12. (Added) The recording and/or reproducing apparatus according to claim 9 wherein a turntable for setting said disc thereon is provided at a position of said disc recording and/or reproducing means facing said disc; and wherein

said loading support part is formed for surrounding the rim of said turntable.

13. (Added) The recording and/or reproducing apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the foremost end of said fitting protrusion is tapered.